

The Subjunctive Form

- The subjunctive form can be used in formal language.
- It can be used to give advice, to suggest or to recommend something.
- The subjunctive form often uses the verb to be in an unusual way.

To advise

- advise
- ask
- command
- demand
- insist
- propose
- recommend
- request

Noun/ Pronoun	Verb	that	Noun/ Pronoun	Infinitive verb <small>(must always be in root form for the subjunctive to be grammatically correct)</small>
I	demand	that	she	be
Mrs Waters	suggests	that	he	listen
Jane	commanded	that	Bert	write
They	ask	that	the children	focus
My mum	insists	that	we	attend

Look at the start of the sentences above. Complete them with an appropriate ending.

Example:

1. I demanded that she be quiet or else she would need to leave the room.

2. _____

3. _____



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4. _____

5. _____

Unreal situations

– desire

– wish

– hope

– dream

If	Noun/Pronoun	Were	Situation
If	I	were	famous
If	I	were	stronger
If	I	were	rich
If	I	were	you
If	I	were	to attend the appointment

Look at the start of the sentences above. Complete them with an appropriate ending.

Example:

1. If I were famous, ***I would make sure that I donated money to charities every month.***

2. _____

3. _____



4. _____

5. _____

Apply

1. Tick the sentence below that is in the subjunctive form.

She wishes she were able to attend the party.

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She remembered that she had received an invitation.

☐

It was due to start at 2pm.

☐

Her mum agreed to take her there in the car.

☐

2. Circle the subjunctive form to complete the sentences below.

a) James recommended that Harry sign / signs up for the football team as he was so talented.

b) If I were chose / chosen, I would represent that school well.

c) Hannah suggested that Lois join / joins the choir due to her beautiful singing voice.

d) We ask that the match be postponed / is postponed due to the heavy rainfall.

3. Underline the verb in the subjunctive form in the sentences below.

a) Her coach suggested that Barry arrive on time for his appointment with the football club's manager.

b) The teacher commanded that Lucy tie up her shoe laces before she fell over them.

c) My auntie requested that her husband remove his shoes before entering the house.



4. Complete the sentences below using the subjunctive form.

- a) If I _____ you, I would save a little bit of money each month to go towards your holiday.
- b) I wish I _____ able to come to the beach with you today, but I have to completed my chores first.
- c) We suggest that he _____ the race again, as his foot was over the line before the whistle went.
- d) I proposed that we _____ before any more time was wasted.

